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1967U

"Fall-Winter 1914"

ITALIANS RETAKE VENICE FOR SECOND TIME

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Mun-Tyr; A Kie-Mun;
A Ruh & A Bur S A Kie-Mun; A Ber holds;
F Bal S A Ber; F Bot C ITALIAN A Fin-Liv;
A St.P S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv.

ITALY (Clark): F Norway S GERMAN A St.P; A
Fin-Liv; A Pie-Ven; A Tus & A Rom S A Pie-
Ven; F Nap-Apu; F Tyr-Lyo; F Tun-Ion; F
Ion-Adr.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Pru S TURKISH A Sil; A
Mos & A War S TURKISH A Liv.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Ven holds; A Tyr S A
Ven; A Tri S A Ven; F Gre-Ion; F Alb, F
Adr, F Aeg. & F Bas S F Gre-Ion; A Boh S
A Tyr; A Sil S RUSSIAN A Pru; A Con-Bul;
A Liv S ITALIAN A Fin-St.P.

Underlined moves are not possible.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, St.P, Swe. (10)

ITALY: Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Nor, Por, Spa, Tun, Ven, Rom. (11)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie. (10)

Following the "Spring 1914" moves, Turkey retreated F Ion-Bas. Following "Fall 1914" moves, the Turkish army in Venice was annihilated, and Italy retreated F Ion-Tyr. As "Winter 1914" moves, Italy builds a fleet in Naples, and Turkey removes the fleet in the Aegean. Italy could build another unit, and Germany could build two, but no home supply centers are free for these builds.

The deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1968.

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During "1911" Turkey and Austria-Hungary exchanged the supply centers of Greece and Venice. There are therefore no builds or removals. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, 2 NOVEMBER 1968.

1968G

"Spring 1906"

RUSSIA PUTS THE SQUEEZE ON THE REICH

ENGLAND (Walker): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F
Lon-North Sea; F Norway S F Lon-North
Sea; F Bar S F Norway; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid;
F Liv-North Atlantic; A Mar S FRENCH A
Gas-Spa; F Iri S F Spa(s.c.)-Mid.

FRANCE (Nelson): A Par-Pie; A Gas-Par.

GERMANY (Koning): A Ben-Swe; A Bur-Bel.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A St.P-Norway; F Swe-
Norway; F Bal-Den; F Hel S F Bal-Den; A
Mos-St.P; A Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Min-
Ruh; A Boh-Mun; A Bud-Tri; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Bas-Mid; F Lyo-Spa
(s.c.); A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Tus; F Tun-
North Africa; F Ion-Tyr; F Tri-Adr; A
Alb-Tri; F Gre-Ion; F Smy-Aeg;
A Con-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible.

The German army in Denmark is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1968.

LIVERPOOL (26 December 1906): The Prime Minister of England, Baron Meliades, today reviewed the English Seventh Fleet, which was recently commissioned in this giant port city. Later, during a press conference, King-Emperor Huon's most trusted henchman was questioned about the character of the fleet. "Is it true, Your Excellency," asked a reporter from the Birmingham Buzzard, "that the fleet is composed entirely of mercenaries?"

"Yes, it is," the P. M. admitted. "We have purchased the services of some of the finest units available from the Koarsar Navy, in Pollutidar. The Emperor Honj has been most generous in allowing us to use these units. Of course, the price was quite high, and the Royal Treasury has had to go to deficit spending for the first time in His Majesty's long reign. We expect that the Koarsara will see some ser-

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1968J

ITALY DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

"Spring 1968"

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): A Liv-Pru; F Nor-Wy-St.P(n.c.); F Bal S F Kie; F Hol-Hel; F Bre-Pie; A Edi-Hol; F North Sea C A Edi-Hol; F Kie S A Edi-Hol; A Lon-Bel; F Eng C A Lon-Bel; A Yor-Lon.

GERMANY (Naus): A Ruh-Kie; A Ber S A Ruh-Kie.

ITALY (M. Thomson): A Par-Bur; A Fur-Mun; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Tri-Ser; A Ven-Tyr; F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Gal-Bud; A Rum S A Gal-Bud; A War-Sil; A Gre-Ser; A Bul S A Gre-Ser; A Ukr-Gal; A Mas S TURKISH F Bla-Ser; F Aeg-Gre.

RUSSIA (Grayson): F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (White): A Con S A Smy; A Smy S A Con; F Bla S RUSSIAN F Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1966" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1968.

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vice in the war, but it is not known how long we can continue to pay for them."

"What does Your Excellency intend to do about the French situation?" asked a correspondent from the London Hard Times.

"We are trying to contact the French Government, if any. Naturally, peace with France is important to us, especially if, by this means we can preserve the independence of Iberia."

POLLUTIDAR: The Representative Diet's Committee on Preparedness for War and Dinner reported on the Horib atrocities in occupied Vienna, where a group of these efficient reptilian cavalrymen ran wild and sacked the Naturhistorisches Museum. (According to the Horib commander, Major SSSS, a dinosaur skeleton on exhibit belonged to a relative who had been killed in the Belgian campaign.) It was found that, when they occupied Vienna, the Horibs had become exposed to an Outer-Crust beverage called Kaffee mit Schlag. This peculiar fluid apparently has a strange effect on the delicate Horib metabolism, causing them to run amok.

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR: Recently Puul the All-Yet One, Minister of Eternal Insecurity, went into the Phutra district populated by the "Happies", a sinister anti-war gang of Pollutidareans of various species who have rejected the military traditions of their forebears. Puul was in pursuit of a cave-girl named Pil the Promiscuous One, who has been interfering with the war effort by certain activities which cause male Sagoths to emit heavy telepathic static.

Recently Puul's body was found, behind the Phutran Royal Bakeries, whose location near the "Happy" settlement has caused this region of the underground city to be called "Yeast Village". The Sagoth police who found his body have concluded that he was successful in his quest for Pil. "Dese cave men can't hold up like we can when ol' Pil gits to dem," said the Sagoth.

His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, has not yet appointed a succeseor to Puul.

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Twenty GRAUSTARK readers replied to the questionnaire on substitution and stalemate policy. GRAUSTARK's present policies received a substantial majority of approval. Details will be published next week.

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All GRAUSTARK readers other than active players will receive this issue together with other OPERATION AGITATEON publications, by third class mail. These 'zines will be mailed out on the weekend of 26 October 1968.

HERE IS THAT PLACE? - II

Several readers have taken up the challenges posed by Red Walker and myself in GRAISTARK #164, to locate in time and place various countries. Responses to the quiz follow:

GEORGE HEAP, P. O. Box 1497, Rochester, N. Y. 14603: Here are my answers to some of your and Walker's geography questions. This is all from what I could find around the apartment. As I said, it's fun for a while but I don't feel up to making a Project of it and wandering around the library for more answers.

Abasgia: In Colchis on the Black Sea coast, north of Lazica. Around the 6th century.

Azania: This might be an anglicization of Azondeh, a tribe that ran some kind of kingdom in the Congo, but I doubt it. Of course, using the same kind of guesswork, there are also the Asanto/Ashanti.

Bornu: Mostly discussed as the Empire of Kanem-Bornu. Bornu apparently had a separate existence to the west of Lake Chad some of the time, but through most of its history was united with Kanem. Lasted from the 9th century, or earlier, up to the 19th. At its height, it bordered on the Turkish-controlled Tripoli. Traded with Egypt and the other Mediterranean North African states, several of its rulers (Sultans, in some sources) made the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Free City of Cartagena: In Colombia, separated from "Greater Columbia" in 1840 in the period of confusion after the breakaway from Spain.

Doira: English "kingdom". Existed from the 6th century (and probably earlier) to the early 7th, then became part of the Kingdom of Northumbria. Apparently had further separate existence from 633-651 and later (?)

Floating Republic: The organization of the sailors who ran the Great Mutiny of 1797 at the Nile (and Spithead?) About as hard to run down as Roman sources on Sparta-cus!

((The Floating Republic was proclaimed only at the Nile. Its "admiral", a leader of the mutiny, professed to treat with the British authorities as one sovereign power to another.))

The Generality: No definite information here, but I get the impression that it was either Jacob van Artevelde's league of Ghent, Bruges, Ypres, and other towns in the area in 1337 or Leicester's rule of the States of Holland in 1336-37.

Imeretia: A kingdom in Caucasian Georgia. Independent from 750-985 and 1469-1810, although from 1650 on it owed allegiance to Russia.

Lazica: Also Lazistan. In Colchis on the Black Sea coast south of Abasgia. Existed prior to the Roman takeover in 562.

Torzhok: Free town in Russia near Lake Ladoga. Existed around the 11th-14th centuries. (?) Apparently founded as a colony (a la classical Greece) from Novgorod.

Kaymaka and Zarephath: Nothing!

And for Red Walker's stuff:

Zabulistan: I got a principality in Persia in the 7th century which may or may not be the same as a Zabulistan in Afghanistan.

Herzegovina: The Slavic zupanates were Tribunia (Travunja) and Hum (Hum, also Zlathumia). Herzegovina was briefly known as the Duchy of St. Sava (around 1449), but the only other names I can come up with are trivial cognates of 'Herzegovina' itself.

Moslem state in France: This sounds like that of the Munisa (Munisa), a barbar who made himself independent of the Arab ruling class around 725. He married the daughter of the King of Aquitaine, but the (presumptively Munisa's or his descendants') Moslem territories in France were taken over by Pippin Brandybuck III in 760. Oh yes, it was around Narbonne and Septimania.

Sultanate in Italy: No clear reference here. I would guess in Sardinia where a cat named Musat was in power at Cagliari from 1000-1022, plus at other odd intervals; I don't know that he called himself a Sultan. The Moslems were also active in the Calabria-Apulia area, but seemingly only as raiders.

((Specifically "Sultan" is a Turkish title, not an Arab one.))

Abba: Nothing!

Ukrainian Things: No good reference books for the period involved.

Mohtarato of Yasin: There's a town called Yasin in the upper Indus valley, but whether or not it was over a Mohtarato or not, I do not find.

((There is a Do'ir Yasin in Israel, which became famous during the 1948 war when an Israeli commando group tracked Arab raiders there. The Arabs, including their women and even children, fought with more bravery than sense, and were virtually annihilated.))

Yava-Dvipa: Nope!

Fang: A tribe established around what is now Gabon, Cameroon, and (ex-French) Congo, having moved in from the (now ex-Belgian) Congo in the 18th-19th centuries. I don't see too much on their being a Kingdom, but I guess they have as much right to the designation as Deira.

Avars/Avaristan: I don't see any references to Avaristan, but they appear to have been damned near everywhere. Immediately before the Charlemagne overthrow, they were operating out of what is now Hungary, but they had extensive conquests in Eastern and Central Europe. They had come from the Caspian area, and from farther east before that. Of course there was a tribe calling itself Avars in Baghistan in the Trans-Caucasus area until the 19th century, but references keep pointing out that they are not the same as Charlemagne's friends.

Chempassak: No!

Klipdrift Republic: A miner's government in a South African (Griqualand) town now called Barkly West. It lasted from 1867 to 1871, when the British took over. Sounds like a vigilante government in an area that had no other force for law and order.

((No less a nation than Russia got started that way, when in 962 a group of Novgorod merchants called in some Scandinavian fighting men to keep the trade routes open for them.))

Klip River Republic: The Klip River is also in South Africa, but information on the Republic is not forthcoming. Sounds like it could have been another like Klipdrift.

Moslem State / mother of Jesus: No on this one too.

HARRY MANOGG, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Ill. 60901: Red is vile. There is only one of those countries on his latest list that I know offhand. I was a bit unfair though in my list. "House of God" is the English version of the name of one of the original leagues that made up the Grey League, or Grisons of Switzerland. Maritime Land was an area in the Russian far east that was set up as an ephemeral Republic during the Russian Revolution. Inhabited mostly by Ukrainians and Germans, they used the blue over yellow Ukrainian bicolor at first, then added a green triangle at the hoist later to represent the Siberian element.

((This sounds like the design of the Czechoslovak flag, but in different colors.))

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866: Now, to your list (gasp!).

Abasgia: An ancient name for Georgia ((the one in the Caucasus, of course)) applied prior to 978. After the final extermination of the Kingdom of Iberia in 717, the Abasgian tribes became the chief representatives of the Georgian people and set up their own Kingdom in 788.

Azania: There is a region of the Polynesians of that name, but I expect you mean the rebel "republic" in the southern Sudan after 1963.

Bornu: Also known as Kanem. A Sultanate (the Head of State was normally called Mai) in northeast Nigeria and surrounding territories west and south of Lake Chad. Founded in the 9th century and divided into German and English spheres in 1902.

Free City of Cartagena: Not really a city, but a province of Colombia. Independent 1810-1814 and 1840-1841.

((The famous New Orleans pirate La Fitte used a Cartagenaan letter of marque as a cover for his activities in the first-named of those periods. But for a "Free City of Cartagena" far different from the one I had in mind here, see Bill Lindon's letter following.))

Deira: The southern portion of Northumbria. A separate kingdom 552-654, capital at York. Legend ascribes to the mythical Kings Aescfrea and Iffi reigns before 559.

The Floating Republic: If we're thinking of the same place, that's not the correct name. It's Now Atlantis, founded off the coast of Jamaica by Leicester Homingway, brother of you-know-who. It is an artificial island.

Imeretia: A region of Georgia, twice independent: 753-985 and 1258-1803. To Russia, of course.

Lazica: Another Georgian Kingdom, vassal to Rome for centuries. Christianized in the 3rd-4th centuries. Conquered by the Muslim Empire in 714.

Torzhok: A town in Russia, once a dependency of Novgorod. I am not aware that it ever constituted an independent state. ((It was independent enough to have a border dispute with Gospodin Voliki Novgorod in the 13th century.))

Zarophath: A town on the Phoenician coast, now Safafend. It was the residence of Elijah at one point. It was never independent, to my knowledge.

The Generality: So far as I can determine, this is merely a portion of the northern Brabant, which came under the jurisdiction of the United Netherlands. This town is also applied to a French administrative district.

I draw a blank at Xaymaca.

Oh, yes - on Hail: The Ibn-Rashids were there before the middle of the 19th century. Amir Muhammad I Ibn-'Abd-al-Muhain Ibn-'Ali died there in 1819, and is the first Amir of Hail known to us by name.

...The name Herzegovina probably in a German construction, as Montenegro is merely an Italian rendering of Crna Gora. However, my question looks toward other names entirely.

((Crna Gora is Serb for "Black Mountain", which of course is "Montenegro" in Italian. Owing to the long Italian influence along that coast, the rest of the world came to know this mini-nation by its Italian name. "Herzog" is German for "Duke", and the German word has also passed into most of the Slavic tongues. So "Herzegovina" is, basically, "Duchy".))

BILL LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: After heroic endeavor and the disgusting discovery that the Washington Square College of New York University does not have a current Britannica, I once again rise to the challenge presented by you and Walker. Here goes.

The short-lived Republic of Fredonia was proclaimed in Naguadoches, Texas, in 1826, and was suppressed almost immediately. ((It was one of numerous efforts by Anglo settlers in Mexican Texas, sometimes by themselves and sometimes in cooperation with Mexicans and/or Indians, to secede from Mexico.))

Lazica arose on the Black Sea Coast of Georgia - the ancient Colchis - c. 456. It was vaguely a protectorate of the eastern Roman Empire. In 541 King Gobazos called in Persian aid against the Romans. Not long afterwards he changed his mind and called in Roman aid against the Persians. The Roman protectorate was re-established in the Peace of 562. A revolt was led by the Patrician Sergius in 697, and by 712 the country had been ravaged by Romans and Avars.

((The history in that period of Armenia and the other Caucasian states, hung up between the Romans and the Persians, has many similarities to the present. Smaller countries in the "Third World" try to play off the major parties against each other for their own advantage, and frequently get burned in the process.))

In the 790s the district was conquered by Duke Leo of Abkhazia, the new state being called Abasgia, with its capital at Kutais. In the 10th century it was absorbed by Georgia under Bagrat III.

Imeretia is a region of western Georgia. It became independent in 1442, when Alexander I divided his territory among his three sons. It retained its independence longer than Georgia proper, being annexed by Russia in 1816.

((I put Abasgia, Lazica, and Imeretia into the quiz while I was researching Taron for GRAUSTARK #164. I noticed that in historical maps of different periods these three names were applied to roughly the same area.))

Azania: I suspect you of booby-trapping this one. I have heard of it as a proposed state by the south Sudan rebels, which would embrace the country's three southern provinces, but not a past state.

((Bill's and Rod's response is an Azania of which I had never heard. I had in mind an ancient name, which appears on Phoenician papyrus for the East African coast. The name has been revived by African national-

This is

O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

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ists and applied to the region known officially as the Republic of South Africa. In similar fashion Northern Rhodesia has reverted to its ancient name of Zambia, and the region currently under Ian Smith's rule as "Rhodesia" is named by Africans for the city of Zimbabwe whose ruins are located there. Similarly, nationalists in the West Indies refer to the islands of Hispaniola and Puerto Rico by their original Indian names of Quisqueya and Borinquen.))

Bornu: A Moslem state in West Africa, southwest of Lake Chad, in modern Nigeria. It was founded in the 9th century, and divided by Britain, France, and Germany in 1898.

The Free City of Cartagena, along with several other cities of Spain's south coast, declared its independence in the cantonalist revolt of 1873, following the overthrow of King "Amadeo". The cantonalists called for the organization of the country as a free association of autonomous communes. Cartagena held out longer than the others, being subdued in 1874 by the forces of the First Republic.

Deira: This is really easy. An Anglo kingdom occupying roughly the North and West Ridings of Yorkshire, founded c. 597. In 654 it was united with its northern neighbor Bernicia, the combined kingdoms being known thereafter as Northumbria. It again became independent in 633 on the death of Edwin Bretwalda, and was overrun the following year by Cadwalla. The Northumbrian kingdom was restored shortly thereafter by Oswald Bretwalda. From 642 to c. 655 Deira was separate as a vassal kingdom, but was then incorporated in a unified Northumbrian state.

The Floating Republic I never heard of, unless it has something to do with Lester Hemingway's "Republic of New Atlantis", an artificial island in the Caribbean which declared "independence" a few years ago.

The "Generalitat" (Generalitat) was the parliament of Catalonia during the Second Spanish Republic. The independence of Catalonia was proclaimed on the fall of the monarchy in 1931, but it was persuaded to accept an autonomous status within Spain, which naturally ceased with the Falangist victory in 1939. The Generalitat itself was not a state, but a legislature; there was somewhat of a furor in Madrid when Luis Companys started calling himself President of Catalonia instead of President of the Generalitat.

Torzhok is a town in the Lake Ladoga region which grew up in the 14th century. It was a satellite of Great Novgorod and shared its history, being seized in 1475 by Ivan Groznyy.

Xatmaza: I dunno.

Zarophath: One of the Phoenician city-states.

1. Zabulistan is the region around Ghazni in Afghanistan. The first kingdom was founded in the 10th century as a vassal state of Bokhara by Alptagir. It was overrun in the 12th century by the Persians, who were expelled in 1152 by the related prince of Ghor, who founded the second kingdom. ((See also the entries for "Ghor" and "Ghorj" in "An Exegesis of Howard's Hyborian Tales", The Conan Reader, by L. Sprague de Camp.)) This was absorbed c. 1175 by Khorezm. In 1401 Timur the Lame gave it to a nephew of his, whose descendants still held it at the end of the century.

2. The two zhupanatos of Herzegovina were Hum and Travunja. An alternate name - indeed, the original name - is the Duchy of St. Sava, Herzegovina meaning "duchy".

5. Abha was the capital of a state in southwest Arabia north of Yemen, more commonly known as Asir. The Idrisi dynasty throw off a tenuous Turkish rule with Italian aid in 1911. In 1920 it was invaded by Ibn Saud, and in 1926 the last Idrisi sovereign accepted a Wahhabi protectorate. It was annexed outright after a revolt in 1933.

6. The Ukrainian National Republic is the government of the Kiev Rada led by Vinnichenko, Hrushevsky, and others, whose independence was proclaimed in March 1917. It was suppressed in March 1918 by the Germans, who installed the puppet regime of Hetman Skoropadsky. A Ukrainian Soviet Republic in opposition to the Rada was proclaimed in Kharkov in December 1917. Since Rada is the Ukrainian word for council, this is sometimes confusingly called the "Rada Republic". It became the sole government of Ukraine in 1919, and joined the USSR in its formation in 1922, becoming the present Ukrainian SSR. The Ukrainian People's Republic was proclaimed in December 1918 upon the collapse of the Central Powers by a Directory under the leadership of Daniel Petliura, and overthrow the Skoropadsky regime. It collapsed in 1919. Ukrainian Independent Soviet Republic, I dunno, unless it is the Ukrainian State proclaimed during World War II under the leadership of Stepan Bandera, which fought a hopeless battle against both Germans and Commu-

nists.

A Donetsk Soviet Republic was founded with the object of detaching this coal-rich region from the Ukraine and joining it to the RSFSR. In 1918 it merged with the Ukrainian SSR. I have also found mention of a Soviet Republic of Odessa, but nothing more than the bare mention.

((During World War II Germany set up an administrative district called "Ukraine" in territory seized from the Soviet Union. This was an occupation zone like the Generalgouvernement or Ostland, not a puppet state like Slovakia or Croatia. In 1943 the Germans organized a "Russian Army of Liberation" under a Russian general named Vlasov who had ~~come~~ over to them, but I don't believe this army was ever regarded as the armed force of a pro-Nazi puppet state. After the war Vlasov was executed by the Soviet Union. Needless to say, Vlasov is regarded by anti-Communist emigres as a "martyr to Stalinist tyranny".))

7. Yasin is a minor state on the Indian "Northwest Frontier" in foudatory relationship to Pakistan, like Swat and Hunza; but Mohtarate suggests the Ottoman Empire. ((Or the salt of some obscure organic acid.))

8. Yava-dvipa is one of the Four Continents of the Hindu cosmology; the southern continent, containing India. ((I think it may also be a neo-time political entity.))

9. Since the Fang are one of the dominant nations of Guinea, I assume the Kingdom of Fang was located there.

10. It is not considered proved that the Avars of Daghestan in Ciscaucasia are the same as the Hungarian Avars. From 1813 to 1859 they held out against Russian conquest under the Imams Khazi Mullah and Shamil.

((The Avars figure in Russian myth as the "Obry", or "Ogres". This indicates the regard in which the Russians once held them.))

* 11. Champassac was a principality in Laos, founded in 1713 after drift of settlement down the Mekong from the older center of Vientiane. It was conquered by the Thai in 1827 along with the rest of Laos.

12. The Klip Drift Republic, or Diggers' Republic, was proclaimed in 1869 by squatting prospectors in the gold diggings of Griqualand West, in the northern Cape Province of South Africa (present Cape Province, that is.), under the presidency of Theodoro Parker. Since many of the squatters were British, Britain used this as an excuse to annex the area in 1871, ignoring claims by the Transvaal, the Orange Free State, and the Griquas themselves under Nicholas Waterboer.

JOHN BOARDMAN: The name "Azania" may, as George Heap suggests, originally come from "Azondoh".

Most other guesses for the list I gave in GRAUSTARK #164 are correct. Some, like the Azania in the Sudan and the independent Cartagena in Spain, are additions to the list.

Zarephath, pronounced "Tsarfath" in modern Hebrew, is mentioned in I Kings 17, 9. Another place in that vicinity was called Sepharad, modernly "Sfarad". Later, in the Exile, western European Jews for some reason transferred these names to France and Spain respectively. Compare the transfer of the name "Iberia" from the Caucasus to the peninsula containing Spain and Portugal.

Kaymaca is simply the original Indian name of the Island now known as Jamaica. The New York City neighborhood of Jamaica is not connected with the West Indian island, but comes from a local Indian name, Jamoco.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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In preparation for a TV appearance, Richard Nixon's stubble was shaved off. What was found underneath? George Wallace.

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LIX

"I suppose you're wondering why I've called you all together."

O-O-Hate spoke to a small group of men gathered together in the office of his chief Mac, head of the dedicated secret agency which carries on the eternal fight for the American Way of War. With him, besides Mac and O-O-Hate's teen-ago assistant Burner, were the Membership Secretary of the Teamster's Union, the Director of the Green Beret Orphans' Home, the brilliant animal psychologist Dr. Lorenzo Artery, and Ron Ungawa of the Black United Militants.

"Gentlemen," said O-O-Hate, who in his other identity is Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, "I have traced to its source the plot by the Sinister Forces of World Peace to cause President Johnson to lose interest in the war. We have uncovered a plot to strike at the President through psychological peacefare!"

At that minute there was a knock on the door.

"I've been waiting for that man," O-O-Hate said. "Burner, open the door."

In came a bearded Negro with an Afro haircut. "Did someone here send for a pig?" he asked. He had a half-grown Hampshire gilt on a leash.

"That's the driver who takes the truck of pigs to the White House!" said Burner.

"That's old Rastus Turnipseed!" said the teamster.

"That's the man who brings the pork from the White House for the orphans!" said the director of the Green Beret Orphans' Home.

"That man is part of a sinister pacifist plot!" said Dr. Artery.

"That's X. X. X.," said Ungawa, who is really an anti-peace agent named Junius Foster. "Do you mean that he's the pacifist agent?"

"Yes, I do!" O-O-Hate replied. "Dr. Artery, your book which claims that aggression and warfare are a natural part of the human character was the key to my discovery. I realized that, if the President's enthusiasm for the war in Vietnam was slackening, someone was directing his aggressive instincts elsewhere. This happened about the time that Turnipseed began delivering pigs to the secret room in the White House basement!"

Horrified looks of dawning realization began to spread across his listeners' faces.

"In the privacy of that basement room, using the expertise acquired years ago on his ranch," O-O-Hate went on, "the President slaughters those hogs. These conspirators have persuaded him that it is all for a good cause, the Green Beret Orphans' Home. This hog-slaughtering uses up all his aggressive instincts. He has nothing left over to devote to the war in Vietnam. Turnipseed, your nefarious activities have struck at the very foundations of American policy in Vietnam!"

Turnipseed dropped the leash and turned to flee, but the teamster felled him with a baling hook. "I hereby accept your resignation from the Teamsters' Union!" he yelled.

Mac and the others loudly congratulated O-O-Hate on his solution of the case.

Meanwhile, the pig ran loose in the room, upsetting chairs. As it dashed past Turner, he kicked it in the spare ribs.

"Hey, that's fun!" he shouted. Having a chair, he raced after the animal.

"Burner!" O-O-Hate warned. "Don't you go falling for that Pacifist trap!"

"Sorry, O-O-Hate." His teen-ago assistant put the chair back.

((Was O-O-Hate right? Will the President regain his enthusiasm for the war? Find out in the next installment, in GRAUSTARK #167.))

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Red Walker reports that his mimeograph is still out of order, and that he doesn't expect to publish until at least 1 November. The next Glocklerla will also be late, because Dave Lobling is having a bout with the flu.

Chris Wagner is now at 50 Fairfield Avenue, Albany, N. Y. 12205. Stephen Houston also has a change of address, but only his ZIP Code, which goes from 98073 to 98188. A new subscriber is David K. Johnston, 5451 Rockwood Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224

TELEPHONE DIPLOMACY - II

The telephone Diplomacy game organized by John Beshara has been assigned Kon number 1968BD.

"Fall 1903"

ENGLAND (Comber): F Ska-Swe; A Norway S F Ska-Swe; F North Sea & F Norwegian Sea S A Norway.

FRANCE (Komada): A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; A Hol-Kie; A Bel-Hol; F North Atlantic holds; F Spa(s.c.) holds; F Eng S ENGLISH F North Sea.

GERMANY (Linden): A Mun-Ruh; F Swe-Ska; F Den S F Swe-Ska; F Kie S F Den.

ITALY (Berman): A Alb holds; F Ion-Aeg; F Tyr-Ion; A Tri & A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Bud-Vie; F Gre S ITALIAN F Ion-Aeg; A Ser S F Gre.

RUSSIA (Champer): F Bot-Swe; A Fin S F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Norway; F Rum holds; A Vie-Bud; A Gal S A Vie-Bud.

TURKEY (Birsan): A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Con-Bul; F Eas S F Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Ska is annihilated. Germany retreats A Mun-Ber and Russia retreats A Vie-Boh. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie. (3)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Vie. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

The "Winter 1903" builds and removals are:

ENGLAND: Builds F Edi.

GERMANY: Removes F Ska.

FRANCE: Builds F Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Bud.

PARIS to BERLIN: Who's dealing?

"Spring 1904"

ENGLAND: F Norwegian Sea-Bar; F North Sea-Ska; F Edi-North Sea; A Norway S GERMAN F Den-Swe.

FRANCE: F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Eng S ENGLISH F Edi-North Sea; A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S A Ruh; F Mar, F Spa(s.c.), A Bel & A Hol hold.

GERMANY: F Kie holds; F Den S F Kie; A Ber S RUSSIAN A Boh-Mun.

ITALY: F Ion holds; F Tyr S F Ion; A Tri-Ven; A Tyr-Boh; A Alb & AUSTRO HUNGARIAN F Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Ser S F Gre; F Gre S ITALIAN F Ion.

RUSSIA: F Rum S TURKISH A Con-Bul; A Gal S F Rum; A Boh-Mun; A St.P-Norway; A Fin S A St.P-Norway; F Swe S A St.P-Norway.

TURKEY: A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

The English army in Norway is annihilated. The Russian army in Galicia is dislodged and has to retreat.

Donald Berman, a veteran of numerous postal Diplomacy games, has undertaken a more momentous alliance: he recently got married. Our congratulations to the Bermans.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

James Latimer asks if any GRAUSTARK reader can explain how the "k" got tacked on to the name of Merrimack, the town where he lives. Or, perhaps, how it was dropped from the name of the famous warship.

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There are a few new postal Diplomacy 'zines around: Dies Irae, a general war-gaming 'zine from Scott Duncan, 2249 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Penn. 19132; Ragnarok from John Koning, 917 E. Gorgas St., Louisville, Ohio 44641; Spald from Robert Perkins, 2755 Carlaria Rd., San Marino, Calif. 91108; Verbal Chaos Ltd. from Bill McDiffie, Clarkson Tech., Brooks House Box 380, Petoskey, N. Y. 13676; and one as yet untitled from R. Vanderbilt Foster, 229 N. E. 9th St., Delray Beach, Fla. 33494. For the editors of these 'zines, this constitutes an offer to trade for GRAUSTARK.

Aceldama, edited by John McCallum, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Balston, Alberta, is a continuation of the games formerly published in Charles Turner's now-defunct Armageddonia.

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No copies have been received in over three months of Doug Beyerlein's Erglant, Stephen Hueston's The Lost Ones hasn't been seen since May, and the 1st issue on hand of Greg Long's Cerebral Nebula is dated 11 months ago. Buddy Tretick writes that his La Guerre is not available for trades. GRAUSTARK trade relations with these editors are therefore suspended. No issues of Kalmar (Christine Brannen) has arrived since May, so this 'zine may also be presumed to be extinct. Gary Gygar's Spartan is also moribund since May, causing exchange with GRAUSTARK to be suspended.

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Gamescience Corp. has sold its game manufacturing activities to Renwal Products Inc., Old Country Road, Mineola, N. Y. 11502. Renwal will not market the satirical anti-war game Nuclear War (see GRAUSTARK #142), which will cease to be available.

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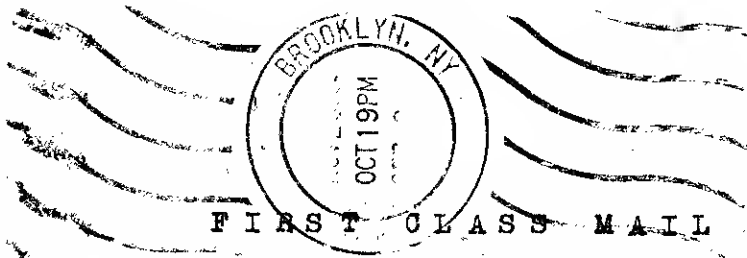
John Mansfield, Int Sec 3 CBT GP, OFB Gagetown, Oromocto, New Brunswick, Canada announces the founding of an Amateur Publishing Association. (Tentative name: Military Amateur Press Association, or MAPA.) Write for further information.

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The musical based on the life of Mata Hari (see GRAUSTARKs #155, #156, & #160) lost half a million dollars when it opened on Broadway in December. Producer Merrick has retitled it "Ballad for a Firing Squad" and will try again next month. "The plot will focus on the fanaticism of the French intelligence officer who relentlessly tracks down Mata Hari." Yeah.

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